(b) whether India has asked South Korea particularly to increase the imports of capital goods; and

(c) whether South Korea has shown interest for more imports of Indian ore, coal and cotton; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The South Korean economic delegation accompanying the Korean Prime Minister, held discussions with officials in the Ministry of Commerce and Department of Industrial Development. Possibilities of promoting bilateral trade industrial co-operation and joint ventures were considered.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Steps are being taken to promote exports of these items to South Korea.

Committee constituted by the Income-Tax Department to review staffing pattern in the corrupt prone areas

2315. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 216 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th August, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the Committee has been constituted in the Central Board of Direct Taxes to review the rules, procedure and staffing pattern in the corrupt prone areas in the Income-Tax Department;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the recommendations made by the Committee and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee has examined the matter and is still in the process of finalising its recommendations.

Screening of officers in the Income-Tax Department

2316. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently screened Income Tax Officers Assistant Commissioners and Commissioners of Income-tax in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain ITOs, Assistant Commissioners and Commissioners of Income-tax, sought retirement before and during the screening was conducted; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have conducted enquiries as to ascertain whether any of them has assets disproportionate to his income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of screening, 25 officers have been prematurely retired. The break-up of the categories of the officers retired is given below:—

Commissioners of Income-tax (Level-I)	4
Income-tax Officers (Group-A)	7
Income-tax Officers (Group-B)	14
TOTAL:	25

(c) Yes, Sir. The break-up of the officers who sought voluntary retirement is given below:—

Commissioners of Income-tax	14
Assistant Commissioners	4
Income-tax Officers (Group-A)	9
Income-tax Officers (Group-B)	10
TOTAL:	37

(d) No, Sir.